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The deaths during December were from the following causes: Accident, 1; alcoholism, 1; apoplexy, 3; asthma, 1; atelectasis pulmonum, 1; beriberi, 6; bronchitis, 11; bubonic plague, 11; catarrh, 2; cholera infantum, 1; congestion of the lungs, 2; consumption, 17; convulsions, 3; debility, 1; diarrhea, 6; dysentery, 2; encephalitis, 1; enclampsia, 1; enteritis, 5; exhaustion, 1; brain fever, 1; Hawaiian fever, 5; malarial fever, 6; typhoid fever, 5; gastritis, 1; gunshot wound, 1; heart disease, 7; hemorrhage, 2; inanition, 6; intestinal complaints, 3; jaundice, 1; malnutrition, 1; marasmus, 1; meningitis, 7; natural causes, 1; nephritis, 3; old age, 4; opium, 2; ovarian cyst, 1; paralysis, 4; peritonitis, 5; pleurisy, 2; pneumonia, 14; rheumatism, 1; shock, 2; strangulation, 1; syphilis, 3; tetanus, 1; tumor, 1; unknown, 1; undetermined, 3.

The 3 undetermined deaths are 3 of the 5 deaths that were ascribed to bubonic plague at the beginning of the outbreak. They have since been determined not to be plague, but the exact cause of death has not yet been reported by the bacteriologist and autopsy physicians.

The deaths for December, 1895, were 65; for 1896, 54; for 1897, 81, and for 1898, 86.

The death rate for December, 1899, was 60 per 1,000; of Hawaiians, 67.82 per 1,000; of Asiatics, 87.27 per 1,000, and of all others, 36 per 1,000.

The deaths by wards were: First ward, 30; second ward, 44; third ward, 33; fourth ward, 38, and fifth ward, 30.

Twelve more deaths from plague.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 27, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary of State, to inform you that a telegram dated the 17th instant has just been received from the consul-general at Honolulu which reads as follows, viz, "Since telegram 12th, 12 deaths, 1 white, good family."

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Appropriations for opposing the plague.

HONOLULU, H. I., January 12, 1900.

SIR: Referring to my dispatch No. 167 of January 5, I have the honor to report that the council of state yesterday appropriated \$20,000, to be paid out of all the moneys in the treasury received from all the current receipts of the general revenues of the Republic of Hawaii.

Fifteen thousand dollars were appropriated for construction of buildings and acquisition of land suitable for temporary shelter of persons released from quarantine; \$5,000 appropriated for the temporary maintenance of persons released from quarantine while a public charge. Some doubt was expressed as to the power of the council to make the latter appropriation.

The council of state is composed of 15 members, 5 elected by the senate, 5 by the house of representatives, and 5 appointed by the president with the approval of the cabinet.

In making these appropriations the council acts under the provision of section 6, article 81, of the constitution.

Section 6. The council of state may, upon the request of the executive council, appropriate public moneys, when, during the time intervening between the sessions of the legislature, the emergencies of war, invasion, rebellion, pestilence, or other great public necessity shall arise.

In case of such appropriation, the minister of finance shall render a detailed account of the expenditures made under such authority to the next regular session of the legislature.

It is probable that further appropriations will shortly be made.

Respectfully,

HAROLD M. SEWALL.

HON. SECRETARY OF STATE.